

Fiftieth Commencement

Saturday • May 17, 2008

Reggett & Platt Athletic Penter

Fiftieth Commencement

9:30 a.m. • Saturday • May 17, 2008

Cooperative Graduate Programs • School of Education

Robert W. Plaster School of Business Administration

Bachelor of General Studies

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Invocation	Mr. Keith Robertson
	Clinical Field Experiences Director, Teacher Education, Missouri Southern State University
	Dr. Bruce W. Speck
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Introduction of Commencement Speaker	
Commencement Speaker	
	Dr. John P. Messick Vice President for Academic Affairs, Missouri Southern State University
	Dr. Frank Einhellig Associate Provost, Dean of Graduate College, Missouri State University
	Dr. Kichoon Yang Provost, Northwest Missouri State University
Conferring of Graduate Degrees	
Master's Hooding	Dr. Emmett Sawyer
	Director of Special Programs and Accreditation, Missouri State University Dr. Frances Shipley
	Dean of Graduate School, Northwest Missouri State University
Alma Maters - Missouri Southern/Missouri State/Northwest	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Presentation of B	accaleaurate Degrees
Presentation of Class	Dr. John P. Messick
Conferring of Degrees	Dr. Bruce W. Speck
	on of Diplomas
Congratulatory Remarks	
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Announcement of Academic Honors	
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MSSIJ Alma Mater (See page 18)	Ms. Lauren Alumbaugh
	Sophomore, Music Education Major, El Dorado Springs
Benediction	
Recessional "Sine Nomine"	R.V.Williams & E. Rosenberg
	Miccouri Southern Commencement Encemble
Cian Languago Interpretor	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble

Fiftieth Commencement

Noon. • Staturday • May 17, 2008

Reggett & Rlatt Athletic Center

School of Arts & Sciences • School of Technology

Associate Degrees

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Missouri Southern Commencement Ensemble
Invocation	
Welcome and Introductions	
Introduction of Commencement Speaker	
Commencement Speaker	Dr. Bruce W. Speck
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Commencement Speaker Dr. Bruce W. Speck

r. Bruce Speck is the fourth President in MSSU's history as a four-year institution. He began his duties at Missouri Southern on February 4, 2008 after serving administrative roles at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn. At APSU he was Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. From 2001-2005, Dr. Speck served as Vice President for Academic Affairs and tenured Professor of English at APSU. Dr. Speck also was a faculty member and administrator at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, the University of Memphis and Indiana University Purdue University at Fort Wayne.

After a national search, Dr. Speck was chosen from a field of more than 40 applicants with the unanimous approval of the Board of Governors and a Search Committee as well as a vote of confidence from the MSSU Faculty Senate.

Dr. Speck's academic credentials include a Ph.D. in English with emphasis in Rhetoric and Composition, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (1980-1984), a Master of Arts in English from Wayne State College in Nebraska (1978-1980), and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Northern Colorado (1973-1975).

Dr. Speck and his wife, Carmen, have three grown children, Heidi, who earned a Ph.D. in Philosophy; Ryan, who is a Presbyterian minister in Virginia; and Rose-Marie, who teaches English in South Korea.

Prior to his career in academe, he was a science writer at Norden Laboratories in Lincoln, Neb. (1984-1986) and an associate at Kamterter, Inc. in Lincoln.

Dr. Speck is the author of numerous book monographs, book chapters, annotated bibliographies and journal articles. One of his most recent monographs, co-authored with Jordy Rocheleau, is *Rights and Wrongs in the College Classroom: Ethical Issues in Postsecondary Teaching*.



Cooperative Graduate Programs



Missouri Southern State University/Missouri State University Master of Arts in Teaching

Cummins, Cindy Lou #

Education Carthage

Davis, Michael Wayne ‡

Education Joplin

Farley, Lucas #

Education Granby Foulk, Michelle Renee #

Education Joplin

Gilbert, Tarryn Nicole ‡

Education Joplin

Linden, Alan Eugene ±

Education Carthage

Linnes, Steven Claude ±

Education Joplin

Staehr, Jerrita Ann ±

Education Freistatt

Winans, Darrelle Corrine ±

Education Jasper





Missouri Southern State University/Northwest Missouri State University Master of Science in Education

Aldridge, Toni B. ‡ *
Instructional Technology
Carthage

Beydler, Julie Melinda ‡ *
Early Childhood Education
Butler

Johnson, Delisa Faith ‡ *
Early Childhood Education
Neosho

Owens, Sheila R. ‡

Instructional Technology
Noel

Reynolds, Klista L. ‡ Instructional Technology Joplin Rothwell, Angela Rose ‡ *

Early Childhood Education
Neosho

Taylor, Rayma Lisa ‡

Instructional Technology
Joplin

Candidates for Honors & Degrees Baccalaureate Degrees Summa Cum Laude

Grade point average 3.90 or above

Thomas Bixler
Donna Brewster
Jamie Clemans ‡
Sarah Coberly
David Downs
Amanda Fosdick
Mariya Gavrilova ‡ †
Barbara Gombosi ‡
Thi Grantham ‡
Rachel Heth ‡

Sarah Hinkle ‡
Ramsey Hinkle
Hallie Hocker ‡ †
Sara Johnston ‡ †
Amy Jones
Erin Klaus †
Daniel Koren
Stephanie Kyler ‡
Rachel Minard ‡
Iulia Nastasa †

Jason Nguyen ‡
Joshua Onuiri ‡ †
Matthew Peters
Deborah Pfeifly
Donna Pooley
Trisha Reed
Jessica Reyelts
Stephanie Rice
Tara Riley
Connie Shields

Joshua Smith
Preston Smith †
Abbie Stratton ‡ †
Aaron Stump
Kelsey Thomas ‡ *
James Transano
Katherine Walker ‡
Ashley White
Shelley Wolf ‡ †
Autumn Yust ‡

Magna Pum Raude Grade point average 3.80 - 3.89

Emily Atnip Duana Bennett Travis Brown Carey Clouse Stephanie Cromwell Hope Gardner Diana Hesson Brett Kohler Lauren Kurelac Austin Mayfield Thaddeus McCleary † Darren Morgan

Ryan Morris Mark Ostendorf Robin Patterson Jamin Perry Anna Ritzman † Renee Siebert Aaron Taylor Ashley Turner John Walker Teyoni Wilson Angela Wisemore Jennifer Zauche

Pum Raude

Grade point average 3.70 - 3.79

Kaitlyn Allen Sarah Barringer Shawn Brown Stephen Cole Amanda Curtis Danielle Devader Micah Doubledee Deidre Edwards Julie Fuerst
Kristi Gordon
Brian Gunnels
Jennifer Hartley
Samantha Hobbs
Amanda Howerton
Lisa Jolley
Beverly Jones

Rahila Khan †
Kim Logan
Earl Mahaffey
Joel McDuffey
Kelly O'Toole
Jennifer Onstott
Chelsie Phillips
Victoria Rowden †

James Spena †
Carrie Stine
Emma Stockton
Erin Whelan
Jonathan White
Clayton White
Lucas Williamson

Associate Degrees First Honors

Grade Point Average 3.90 or above

Sonia Gugnani ‡

James Transano

Second Honors

Grade Point Average 3.80 - 3.89

Ashley Baker Travis Brown Brett Kohler Tonya Todd

Third Honors
Grade Point Average 3.70 - 3.79

Melissa Eck

Cynthia Johnson

Candee Phipps

School of Business Administration

Bachelor of Science

Holt, Andrew Leon* Management Technology Grove, OK

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration

Allen, Lindsey Michele

Management Neosho

Atnip, Emily Kathleen

Accounting Jasper

Baker, Kay Dee

Management **Carl Junction**

Barker, Nichole Marie

Management Mt. Vernon

Barringer, Isaac Thomas

Management Carl Junction

Bay, Suzanne Yvonne

Management Columbia, SC

Bland, Teresa Jane

General Business Picher, OK

Boehne, Charla Kay

Accounting/General Business Liberal

Bontrager, Jenna Lea

Marketina **Carl Junction**

Bowers, Megan Elaine

Management Neosho

Briggs, Delana Leann*

Management Aurora

Bunn, Alesha Lorene*

Accounting Altamont, KS

Burchfield, Angela D.

Management Joplin

Burks, Dawn Michele

General Business Mt. Vernon

Byers, Eric Michael

General Business Humboldt, KS

Cash, Jona Kathleen

Management Cassville

Chang, Che-Hao

Marketing Joplin

Clifford, Thomas Francis

Marketing Overland Park, KS

Clouse, Carey E.

Accounting Neosho

Clubb, John Wesley

Marketina **Carl Junction**

Crain, Delpha Eileen

Management Nevada

Crowe, Benjamin Thomas

International Business Harrisonville

Decker, Joanna Sue

Accounting Neosho

Detherage, Mallory Danielle Nicole*

Accounting Webb City

Doerge, Chad Linden*

Management Joplin

Dow, Tyler David*

Marketing Columbia

Eck, Daudi R.

Management Joplin

Elsey, Austin Blake †

Finance & Economics Certified Financial Management Joplin

Field, Ryan Dwayne*

Management Neosho

Fisher, Kyla Autum*

Financial Management Stockton

Forest, Yulia*

Management Palm City, FL

Fort, Marissa*

Marketing Webb City Fosdick, Amanda Hensley

Management Carthage

Foust, Joshua Charles*

Management Joplin

Fuerst, Julie Ranee

Management Neosho

Garrison, Jacob Daniel

Management Pittsburg, KS

Gavrilova, Mariya C ± †

Marketing/Management

Joplin

George, Deborah L.

Accounting Monett

Girton, Alice Marie

Marketing Webb City

Gordon, Kristi LeAnn*

Management Joplin

Grantham, Thi Anh ±

Finance & Economics/Accounting Neosho

Gray, Mary Catherine

Accounting Joplin

Green, Victoria Lynn

Accounting Nevada

‡ 4.00 Average

† Honors Program Graduate

* July Graduate

Grosse, Kyle Whitney

Management **Carl Junction**

Gunnels, Brian John*

Accounting Drexel

Hale, Christopher Scott*

Accounting **Joplin**

Hamrick, Kristian Dawn*

Management Joplin

Hanrahan, Thomas Kyle

Marketing Joplin

Harding, Noah SD

Accounting Joplin

Hardy, Kevin T.

Accounting Joplin

Harrell, Kathy D.

Management Diamond

Hatfield, Vanessa R.*

Management Carl Junction

Hayes, Matthew Kenneth*

Management Neosho

Head, Caleb Noel

Accounting Joplin

Hobson, Kari Ann

Management Joplin

House, Misty Dawn

Accounting Joplin

Hristov, Kristiyan H. †

Finance & Economics International Business Webb City

Huang, Shih-Che

Management **Joplin**

Hull, Kelley Lynn

Accounting Webb City

Johnson, Britney Ann

Management Carthage

Johnston, Lemuel Thomas*

Marketing/Management **Joplin**

Jones, Garret Neal

Management Shawnee, KS

Knight, Kyle Sheldon*

Management Joplin

Kockler, Brittany Marie

Management Troy, IL

Kucharczyk, Kimberly Jeannine

Management Neosho

Land, Zachery A.*

Marketina Webb City

Lawrence, Ashton Jo

Marketing/Management Parsons, KS

Lingenfelter, Seth Andrew

General Business Joplin

Long, Jennifer Lynn

Management Joplin

McCleary, Thaddeus Braden †

International Business Springfield

McConnaughey, Nathan Clark*

Accounting El Dorado Springs

McGatha, Amanda Nicole

Management Jasper

Mantle, Matthew Wayne*

Marketina Picher, OK

Mascher, Douglas Allen

Marketing Joplin

May, Susan Kay

Accounting Granby

Mayfield, Austin R.

Management Cleveland

Mendez, Alicia

Marketing Neosho

Merritt, Freddie Nile

General Busniess Mt. Vernon

Metcalf, Brian Michael*

International Business Joplin

Michael, Fredrick Norman

Marketing Joplin

Nastasa, Iulia †

Finance & Economics Romania

Neff, Lindsay Elizabeth

General Business St. Clair

Onuiri, Joshua Enyeribe ‡ †

Accounting Nigeria

Osborn, Linsey

General Business **Rocky Mount**

Palmer, Angela Lynn

Accounting Neosho

Peters, Matthew Thomas

Accounting/Management

Lamar

Rhymer, Ishma E.

Management Tortola, BVI

Rice, Stephanie Jean

Accounting Mt. Vernon

Riley, Tara Dawn

Accounting Miami, OK

Runion, Christopher Adam*

Accounting Lamar

Scott, Cynthia Louise*

Accounting Joplin

Shellenbarger, Rebecca R.

Management Joplin

Siebert, Renee Leigh

Accounting Girard, KS

Silvers, Richard Blake

General Business Carthage

Souza, Whitney Ann

Finance & Economics Stockton

Spena, James Montgomery †

Finance & Economics Joplin

Stanley, Tracey Albertha

Management/Finance & Economics Tortola, BVI

Storm, McKenna Shea

Management Webb City

Stuart, Ashley Ranee

Management Joplin

Testerman, Michelle Ann

Accounting Diamond

Thomas, Taryn Michelle

Accounting Neosho

Turner, Jennifer Leigh

Finance & Economics
Granby

Waggoner, Clinton Carlson

Management Joplin

Walker, Amanda Leigh

General Business
Carl Junction

Walsh, Matthew Austin *General Business*

Carthage

Whelan, Erin Kathleen

Accounting/Marketing
Belleville, IL

White, Ashley Danae

Accounting Nevada White, Jonathan Warner

Marketing Noel

Wiemeyer, Daniel Brent

Finance & Economics
Webb City

Williamson, Lucas Troy

International Business/Management McKinney, TX

Willis, Tyler James

Marketing Joplin

Wimberley, Kevin Russell

Management Monett

Zawadka, Elzbieta Lidia

International Business

Poland

School of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Artherton, Angela Christene*

Psychology Neosho

Beck, Marianne Leah

Psychology Joplin

Cooley, Amanda Blayne

Psychology Carthage Delgado, Neena Danea

Psychology Nevada

Miller, William Donald

Psychology Joplin Pendergrass, Joshua Adam

Psychology Alba

Rowden, Victoria Ann

Psychology Lebanon Smith, Gabriel Beth*

Psychology Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Adams, Abigail Michelle*

Health Promotion & Wellness Carthage

Arthur, Ryan Mitchell*

Health Promotion & Wellness Waukee, IA

Bailey, LaJeana Nicole

Psychology Newtonia

Bowyer, Whitney Karin †

Psychology Joplin

Boyd, Christopher Philander*

Health Promotion & Wellness Miami, OK Branscum, Jon Lucas

Health Promotion & Wellness Neosho

Brittan, Katherine*

Health Promotion & Wellness Valley Park

Clark, Grant Lee

Health Promotion & Wellness Joplin

Craven, Ian Daniel

Psychology Joplin

Cromwell, Stephanie I.

Psychology Joplin Cureton, Paige A.

Health Promotion & Wellness Lamar

Davis, Kyle Nathaniel*

Health Promotion & Wellness Potosi

Gilmore, Alisha LuAnn*

Psychology Baxter Springs, KS

Gombosi, Barb #

Psychology Slovenia

Gonzalez, Valerie Eve*

Health Promotion & Wellness
Joplin

Harper, Rachel LeAnn

Psychology Carthage

Helms, Mica J.*

Health Promotion & Wellness
Carl Junction

Henington, Brandon James

Health Promotion & Wellness Joplin

Houts, Linda F.

Psychology El Dorado Springs

Jones, Caroline Rose

Psychology Webb City Klaus, Erin Michelle †

Psychology Troy, IL

Kyler, Stephanie Nicole ±

Health Promotion & Wellness

Joplin

McCarty, Leah Michelle

Psychology Carrollton, TX

Morgan, Tesha Richelle

Psychology Joplin

Myers, Molly Ann

Psychology Joplin

O'Toole, Kelly C.*

Health Promotion & Wellness Joplin

Parks, Brooke Shvanne*

Health Promotion & Wellness Butler

Patterson, Samantha Annette

Psychology Joplin

Peacher, Missy Lyn

Psychology Joplin

Pearcy, Sarah Jane

Psychology Joplin

Reed, Marshall Anthony*

Health Promotion & Wellness Webb City

Riley, Matthew Grant

Health Promotion & Wellness Webb City

Roberts, Richard Neil

Psychology Joplin

Self, Jessica Meagan*

Health Promotion & Wellness Neosho

Sims, Adam Michael*

Health Promotion & Wellness

Festus

Thomas, Kelsey Elizabeth ‡* Health Promotion & Wellness Manhattan, KS

Tripp, Mike Allen

Health Promotion & Wellness Anderson

Venegas, Amanda Marie Health Promotion & Wellness

Girard, KS

Walker, Alison Betty

Health Promotion & Wellness West Plains

Bachelor of Science in Education

Baker, Megan Rachelle

Physical Education Belton

Bennett, Gary D.

Social Science Education/History Education Goodman

Blackburn, Shelley Lynn

Elementary Education Mt. Vernon

Boyer, Jennifer Marie

Elementary Education Neosho

Brewster, Donna Jean

Elementary Education

Drexel

Bridges, Brittany Michelle

English Education Carthage

Cabrera, Emily Diane

Social Studies Education Joplin

Canter, Ruth Irene Jeanet

Business Education Neosho

Clark, Lucas James

Social Studies Education Nevada

Clark, Melissa Ann

Social Studies Education Galena, KS

Coberley, Sarah Marie

Elementary Education/Early Childhood Pineville

Crockett, Rustan Kyle

Physical Education Lamar

Dalton, Douglas Josh

Physical Education Pineville

Davied, Aaron M.

Physical Education

Neosho

Demoss, Erika Rachelle

Music Education Webb City

DeVader, Danielle Nicole

Physical Education Holton, KS

Echols, Veronica Lea

English Education Rogers, AR

Edwards, Deidre Lynn

Elementary Education/Special Education Joplin

Eggerman, Jamie Lynne

Elementary Education Joplin

Etter, Loura Kaye

French Education Joplin

Gardner, Hope Vania

Elementary Education Neosho

Garrett, Steve Andrew

Middle School Math/Science Joplin

Gripka, Shelby Lynne

Elementary Education Pierce City

Grizzle, Breanna Jo

Elementary Education Webb City

Habermehl, Matthew Allen

Physical Education Independence

Hartley, Jennifer Lynn

Physical Education Joplin

Hillman, James A.

Physical Education Carl Junction

Hinkle, Ramsey Jayne

English Education Halfway

Hobbs, Samantha Jane

Elementary Education Noel

Howerton, Amanda Beth

Elementary Education/Special Education Joplin

Huffman, Robert Benjamin

Social Studies Education

Joplin

Jensen, John E.

Elementary Education

Carthage

Jones, Amy Michele

Elementary Education
Carthage

Judd, Derek Sean

Social Studies Education Neosho

Kestin, Kelli Dorene

Elementary Education
Aurora

Knight, Gerald Lynn

Physical Education Carthage

Kohley, Christina Ann

Middle School Social Studies/ Mathematics Education Jasper

Kurelac, Lauren Michelle

Elementary Education
Blue Springs

Land, Jeremy Todd

Social Studies Education Cedarvale, KS

Mahaffey, Earl Perry

Elementary Education
Joplin

Mallard, Aaron Dael

Social Studies Education Welch, OK

Marion, Paula Suzanne

Elementary Education
Pierce City

Marsh, Robert Thomas

Elementary Education
Joplin

McDuffey, Joel Ryan

Physical Education
Joplin

Miller, Dustin W.

Middle School Math/Science Education
Carthage

Morgan, Darren Ray

Social Studies Education
Carl Junction

Patterson, Nataly Maxine

Elementary Education
Carthage

Patterson, Robin Kaye

Elementary Education
Neosho

Pennell, Carrie Lynn

Elementary Education/Remedial Reading Jasper

Phillips, Chelsie Lea

Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education Clever

Reynolds, Sara Marie

Social Studies Education
Joplin

Richards, Tammy Leann

Elementary Education/Special Education
Joplin

Rinehart, Amanda Lea

Social Studies Education Neosho

Roberts, Dustin Ray

Art Education
Joplin

Robertson, Melissa Michelle

Elementary Education
Neosho

Robinson, Holly Marie

Elementary Education
Springfield

Ross, Nicole Marie

Elementary Education Mt. Vernon

Rushing, William Kyler

Mathematics Education
Sarcoxie

Shaw, Rachael Janae

English Education
Carterville

Shrum, Leslie R.

Elementary Education/Special Education
Oronogo

Slater, Lauren Nicole

Elementary Education/Special Education

Smith, Elaina June

Elementary Education/Early Childhood Education Webb City

Stackhouse, Robert Aaron

Speech/Theater Education Alba

Stark, Joelle Michelle

Biology Education
Southwest City

Stine, Carrie Lee

Elementary Education
Carthage

Stratton, Abbie llene ‡ †

Elementary Education
Jasper

Stump, Aaron Marshall

English Education Lamar Sumler, James Aaron

Social Studies Education
Anderson

Tappana, Lacey Lynn

Elementary Education
Webb City

Taylor, Aaron Andrew

Social Studies Education
Joplin

Teel, Kristi Marie

Art Education
Springfield

Terry, Barbara Marie

Elementary Education
Joplin

Vieselmeyer, Jenifer Leann

Middle School Math/Social Studies Education Carl Junction

Volmer, Brianna Lane

Physical Education Parsons, KS

White, Clayton Randall

Social Studies Educatioin
Neosho

White, Devin Lee

Physical Education Nevada

Wilkinson, Jared Lynn

Mathematics Education
Carthage

Zauche, Jennifer Etta

Elementary Education/ Special Education Garden City, KS

Bachelor of Science in General Studies

Arnold-Yeager, Denise Michelle

General Studies Webb City

Austin, Naomi Ruth

General Studies Seneca

Berry, Johnny D.*

General Studies Picayune, MS

Brost, Dawnalee

General Studies Grove, OK

Burleson, Starr M.

General Studies Duenweg

Clark, Terry*

General Studies Joplin

Dean, Lacy Michelle

General Studies Joplin

Farris, Cassandra R.*

General Studies Webb City

Gaucin, Rafael

General Studies

Joplin

Hamideh, Farris N.

General Studies Ft. Worth, TX

Henderson, Eula Kay

General Studies Joplin

Hergenrother, John David

General Studies Joplin

Hesse, Jane Marie

General Studies Gravette, AR

Hubbard, Nakia Rayann

General Studies Carl Junction

Jolley, Lisa Gail*

General Studies Joplin

Jones, Beverly Jean*

General Studies Aurora

Kantin, Robin Marie

General Studies Burtonsville, MD

Keener, Jeffrey C.

General Studies

Joplin

Kimrey, Stacia Diane

General Studies Joplin

Nothnagle, Linda K.

General Studies Seneca

Ostendorf, Mark Jason

General Studies Sarcoxie

Park, Alyssa Kay

General Studies Checotah, OK

Rickett, Alecia Marie

General Studies Anderson

Robinson, Robert

General Studies Joplin

Sargent, Lisa Jane

General Studies Joplin

Schubert, Ashlee Anne

General Studies Stotts City

Smith, Charles Marion

General Studies Neosho

Smith, Keisha Tamara*

General Studies

Joplin

Steinbach, Brian Keith*

General Studies Joplin

Thomas, Chaunte Felicia

General Studies Joplin

Upton, Cindy D.

General Studies

Joplin

Wilkins, Stacia Diane

General Studies Joplin

School of Arts & Sciences

Bachelor of Arts

Adam, Emily Anne

English Mt. Vernon

Alexander IV, Charles Eldon

Spanish Neosho

Allen, Kaitlyn Colby

Communication/French

Marion, IA

Ayres, Sara Rochele

Communication Highlandville

Bennett, Duana Dayle

Goodman

Bradley, Ronald Dean*

Communication St. Charles

Brame, Angela M.

Art Joplin

Bronson, Ryan J.

Communication Salt Lake City, UT

Brown, Shawn Danelle

Communication Wann, OK

Chavez, Hugo Carlos*

Communication El Paso, TX

Cooley, Amanda Blayne

Sociology Carthage

Cooper, Mary (Betsy) Elizabeth*

Joplin

Curtis, Amanda Erin*

Communication
Webb City

Davis, Kelly Elizabeth

Communication Neosho

Dodge, Charles Joseph

Art

Garden City, KS

Edwards, Jacob Tyler

Environmental Health

Joplin

Edwards, Michael William

International Studies

Joplin

Eidson, Austin C.

Art Joplin

Eldringhoff, Shauna Esther*

Communication
Joplin

Englebert, Stephanie Amber

English Joplin

Ensor, Alice C.

English Joplin

Erman, Jeffrey J.

English Joplin

Fan, Jian

International Studies

Joplin

Fischer, Nathan Robert

Political Science
Pierce City

Fisher, Timothy Campbell

History Joplin

Gavrilova, Mariya C. ‡ †

Spanish Joplin

Halbach, Jill

English/German
Joplin

Herbert, Lindsey J.

Spanish Racine

Hill, Ryan Christopher

Art Webb City

Hocker, Hallie Elizabeth ‡ †

Communication Drexel

Horine, Benjamin Dean

Theatre Joplin

Hudson, Frank James

Spanish Cassville

Jimenez, Sara Louise*

English Newton, IA

Johnson, Alicia Jeanette

English Thayer, KS

Khan, Rahila †

Art Joplin

Koren, Daniel Joel

English Neosho Lechuga, Evelyn

Spanish Joplin

Mactavious, Dwayne Curtney

Art Joplin

Nepote, Brandon Scott

Art Joplin

Otero, Anthony Michael

Art Joplin

Pappas, Sherry R.

English Bentonville, AR

Patrick, Cynthia Denise*

Communication
St. Louis

Pooley, Donna M.

Art Oronogo

Price, Kelli Renee

*Communication*Joplin

Ramos, Wilberto

Spanish
Carl Junction

Reed, Trisha Lynn

Communication
Joplin

Reyelts, Jessica Ashley

Art Mt. Vernon

Rodriguez, Sergio G.*

Communication
Joplin

Scacewater, Todd Andrew

Political Science
Joplin

Smith, Brandon Michael*

Communication
Jefferson City

Smith, Joshua James

Art Neosho

Spry, Jamy Lynn

International Studies/French

Diamond

Swift, Jeffrey Aaron*

English
Pierce City

Waterford, Shurecian Nicole

Communication
St. Louis

Williams, Jason Todd

Art Joplin

Wirth, Meagan Nichole

Communication
Joplin

Wisemore, Angela Meredith

Art

Independence

Youngblood, Jeffrey Daniel

Art Joplin

Bachelor of Science

Allen, Megan LeeAnn

Political Science Carterville

Baisley, Billie Jo

Computer Forensics
Webb City

Baldwin, Rebecca Kathleen

Biology Joplin

Bennett, Ryan Michael

Political Science Purdy

Binning, Sarah Renee

Biology Joplin

Bixler, Thomas Luther *

Environmental Health

Seneca

Bradley, Mike

Biology Seneca

Bricker, Joshua Grant

Political Science
Joplin

Brumley, Katherine A.

Mathematics Anderson

Collard, Justin Grant

Environmental Health Joplin

Cornelius, Kathleen Ann

Biochemistry/Biology
Independence

Current, Erin Lyn

Sociology Auburn, KS

Daniels, Christeny Jo

Sociology Anderson

Degginger, Carolyn Joye

Sociology Neosho

Doubledee, Micah Diane

Biology Oronogo

4.00 Average

Downs, David Thomas

Biochemistry Carthage

Earnest, Garrison David

Biochemistry Joplin

Edie, Megan Elizabeth

Sociology Carthage

Frame, Kerenza Lynn

Sociology Nevada

Gilbert, Kasha Lynn

Biology Joplin

Gilbert, Linda Lee

Sociology Joplin

Gratton, Matthew Lee

Biology Oronogo

Green, Tyler Barrett

Biology Webb City

Hensley, Sarah M.

Sociology Joplin

Herbert, Lindsey J.

Biology Racine

Hesson, Diana C.

Biology Stark City

Heth, Rachel Lee Sine ‡

Biology Carthage

Hinkle, Sarah Kathleen ‡

Biology Neosho

Honzell, Jason Lee

Environmental Health

Joplin

Jack, III, Phillip Samuel

Mathematics Edna, KS

† Honors Program Graduate

Johnston, Sara Elizabeth ‡ †

Biology/Biochemistry

Joplin

Lechuga, Evelyn

*Mathematics*Joplin

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*Environmental Health*Joplin

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Biology Topeka, KS

Neely, Frank Edward

Political Science
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Biology Neosho

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Computational Mathematics
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Biology Atoka, TN

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Biology Nigeria

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Chemistry/Physics
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Biology Joplin

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Criminal Justice Administration Bella Vista, AR

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Industrial Engineering Technology
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Nursing Webb City

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Nursing Joplin

Logan, Kim Hendrie

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Mello, Thomas Russell

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Juvenile Justice
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Nursing Lamar

Ortiz, Gretchen Camille

Nursing Carthage

Ouren, Matthew Hunter

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Penning, Amy Elizabeth

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Perez, Kortney R.

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Pickup, Justin Keith

Criminal Justice Administration Neosho

Pottorff, Roberta Marie

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Prier, Andrew M.

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Rooffener, Michelle Rae*

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Criminal Justice Administration Keller, TX

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Health Science Plano, TX

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Health Science
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Nursing Joplin

Schubert, Ashlee Anne

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Shepherd, Lucas Andrew

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Shields, Connie Gail

Health Science Reeds Shull, Justen Lee

Computer Information Science Joplin

Singleton, Sylvonna Delores

Nursing Joplin

Smith, Bradley Earl

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Smith, Kimberly M.

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Information Technology
Galena, KS

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Criminal Justice Administration Columbus, KS

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Teel, Lindsey Marie

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Terry, Garrett Lynn

Criminal Justice Administration
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Thompson, Christopher Brian*

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Carthage

Carthage

Thompson, Lauren Elizabeth*

Health Science
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Transano, James Kirk

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Ava

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Criminal Justice Administration/ Computer Information Science Joplin

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Criminal Justice Administration Carthage

Winnett, Lisa Kathleen

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Wolf, Hannah Marie

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Criminal Justice Administration Webb City

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Criminal Justice Administration Conway, AR

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Austin, Naomi Ruth

General Seneca

Dean, Lacy Michelle

General Joplin

Field, Ryan Dwayne

General Neosho

Kimrey, Stacia Diane

General Joplin

Kruger, Brandie Renee

General Galena, KS Little, Letitia

General Joplin

Moss, Ryan Preston

General Jasper

Sargent, Lisa Jane

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Schubert, Ashlee Anne

General Stotts City

Upton, Cindy Diane

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Beckett, Deidrick Michael

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Beeler, Carie Renee

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Radiologic Technology Joplin

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Law Enforcement Nevada

Isenmann, John Thomas

Law Enforcement Jasper

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Dental Hygiene Kansas City

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Lehman, Brittanii Jevon

Dental Hygiene Carl Junction

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Martinez, Dalila

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Penning, Amy Elizabeth

Dental Hygiene Joplin

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Russell, Megan Laura

Dental Hygiene Green Forest, AR

Schiefelbein, Jane Lynn

Dental Hygiene Joplin

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ALMA MATER

Words by Mary Laird, Class of '39

Music by Emerson Jackson, Class of '39



Our Al-ma Ma - ter, we ho-nor thee,



shap-ing and guid - ing our de-sti - ny.



Af - ter we have part - ed as the years roll by;



we'll keep each me - mo - ry hail, hail to thee.

Missouri Southern State University's "Alma Mater" was drafted during the Joplin Junior College second year by a group that included Mary Laird, Joan Epperson, Enos Currey, Ellen Beasley, and Emerson Jackson. Laird was principally responsible for the lyrics while Jackson set it to music. It was first sung during a Class-Day program in 1939.

Academic Attire

s early as the twelfth century the first modern universities, at Bologna and Paris, were centers of European learning. The usual garb of the time, for both churchmen and laymen, was a long gown which was necessary for warmth in the unheated buildings of the day. Scholars, generally members of church orders, wore such robes and also hoods to protect their shaven heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head, and the hood became a cape which could be pulled over the head in unpleasant weather. The hood was also sometimes used to collect alms from the more affluent members of the community. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adopted by their faculties. Variations indicated ranks within the institutions. Strict rules were published and in some cases punishment cited for tailors who departed from the authorized design.

The academic hat was a later development, adapted from the headdress of the ordinary people. Academically, it was originally worn as a symbol of the master's degree, and existed in various forms: some were round, some square and some had a tuft in the center. The flat, square "mortar board" of today originated at Oxford University in England.

Academic costume came to America in 1754 with the founding of King's College, now Columbia University. Styles became quite varied as they were in Europe, but in 1895 a group of American college and university representatives met to establish a uniform system of academic apparel for this country. This led to the establishment in 1902 of an "Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume." The American Council of Education formed a committee in 1932 to review the 1895 code, which was again reviewed and revised in both 1960 and 1965.

There are today three basic types of gowns and hoods. The bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves and is designed to be worn closed. Recipients of the associate degrees wear gray gowns designed like the bachelor's gown. The master's gown is designed with an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist and with an arc cut away at the front of the sleeve. It may be worn either open or closed. The doctoral gown is of a full design with voluminous sleeves, and it also may be worn open or closed. Unlike the other two, the doctoral gown is faced down the front with velvet and with three velvet bars on the sleeves. These may be black or a color related to the subject of the degree. Thus, arts, letters and humanities may be white, business degrees may be drab or sapphire blue, education uses light blue, fine arts is brown, music is pink and science is golden yellow, to name a few.

The caps are always black, with a black tassel for baccalaureate degrees and a tassel of the color indicated above for master's. Doctoral caps usually have a tassel of metallic gold color.

The hoods worn by master's degree recipients are lined with the official colors of the institution awarding the degree. The binding and edging of the hood is silk or velvet in the color pertaining to the subject area. Doctoral hoods are longer and designed somewhat fuller, but the colors again are those of the institution granting the degree for the lining, and of the subject for the wide edging. There exists a small bachelor's hood, but generally it is not used in this country.

The hoods represented in our ceremony are a combination of colors from each of the collaborating institutions. Traditional colors and corresponding fields of study are:

Brown: Fine Arts
Crimson: Journalism
Dark Blue: Philosophy
Golden Yellow: Science

Light Blue: Library Science Education Pink: Music

Pink: Music Purple: Law

Sage Green: Physical Education

Scarlet: Theology

White: Arts, Letters, Humanities

Yellow Brown: Commerce, Business, Accountancy